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The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on May 20, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because it is unclear if claim 25 has been cancelled or amended. Even though claim 25 seems to be cancelled and the heading of the claim indicates that it is cancelled, the claim was amended, further limiting claim 17. Therefore, it is unclear if the claim is amended or cancelled. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.



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